(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGANNATH KAUSHAL): (a) and (b) In view of the order of the Supreme Court, dated 24th April, 1984 in Writ Petitions (Civil) Nos. 3531-3534 and 4831-4833 of 1983, the Government of India have decided that the Judges of the High Courts and Supreme Court will be entitled to the pensionary benefits under the Amended Acts of 1976. The High Court Judges (Conditions of Service) Amendment Act, 1976 and Supreme Court Judges (Conditions of Service) Amendment Act, 1976 (Acts Nos. 35 and 36 of 1976) irrespective of the dates of their retirement. They will be so entitled with effect from 1-10-1974. The family pension due to the widows will also be paid under the provisions of 1976 Amended Acts. The arrears in this regard are to be paid within a period of four months from the date of the order of the Supreme Court of India. In the case of Judges who have died after 1-10-74 the amounts due will be paid to the legal heirs of the Judges within four months from 24-4-84. In cases where widows of retired Judges are not alive, arrears on account of family pension due to such widows will be paid to their legal heirs. Ad-hoc payments made, if any, will be adjusted while making such payments.

Increase in the prices of Petroleum Products

19. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently increased the prices of some petroleum products; and

(b) if so what is the extent of rise in prices and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The increases with effect from 1-6-1984 are as follows:—

	Rs. Per Kilolitre/M.T.
(i) Punjab	5
(ii) Haryana	30
(iii) Delhi	25
(iv) Karnataka	10
(v) Greater Bombay ranging from Rs. 40 to Rs. 100—per kilolitre/M.T.	

These increases had to be allowed to compensate the oil companies for the under recoveries being suffered by them for sometime, on account of the levy of sales tax|local levies.

Production of Cheap drugs like INH and Dapsone

20. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated percentage of production of cheap drugs like INH for tuberculosis and Dapsone for leprosy as against the demand;

(b) what are the major reasons for the low percentage of their production, if any, as against the demand; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to raise their production?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) In the year 1983-84 the demand of INH was mainly met through indigenous production. However, the demand of about 60 MTS for for Dapsone was met partly through canalised imports (Import Plan—30 MTS) and the rest from indigenous production. The production of Dapsone is comparable with the established capacity.